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Bharat Scouts and Guides.

1125. The total strength of the movement under the various branches of Scouting as on 31st March 1956 was 33,292. An annual grant of Rs. 75,000 was made to the Bharat Scouts for the year, while the grant to the Girl Guides was Rs. 16,000. Most of the districts arranged a number of Service Centres and did appreciable work in the amelioration of the condition of the rural population.

2. A number of preliminary, advanced and a Patrol Leaders' training centres were held in the State and teachers were trained.

3. The State Association conducted on an extensive scale in each district a number of "Shramadan and Social Service Camps" (Scout Service Projects) and 11 such camps were held during the year and works like road formation, school buildings, etc., were taken up by scouts in collaboration with ryots.

4. Zonal Rallies were held in many taluk headquarters all over the State in connection with the enrolment week.

5. "The Mysore Scout and Guide Magazine" continued to be published by the State Headquarters.

6. The Girl Guide Section of the Organisation conducted in all 11 preliminary training course during the year.

Medical Inspection.

1126. During the year, Medical Inspection was in force in the Corporation area of Bangalore City and Mysore cities and in 184 mofussil centres. Eighty-one thousand and eighteen pupils were examined. Of these, 6,922 pupils were treated for various ailments. The Chief Medical Inspector of Schools has reported that the children examined suffer from malnutrition, the number of such pupils being 4,015 and stressed the need for intensive and co-ordinated work in the earlier years of school-life and the setting up of school clinics for follow-up work.

(ii) Encouragement to Authors.

1127. Twenty-five applications for subvention were received from Editors of books and Publishers of journals. Subventions to 12 books and six journals were sanctioned to an extent of Rs. 1,104 during the year.

1128. For the Devaraja Bahadur Charity Literary Prizes, 10 books were received.

1129. The total numbers of volumes in the Education Library and Office Library attached to the office of the Director of Public Instruction at the close of the year were 5,909 (5,755) and 2,161 (2,156) respectively. There were two Public Libraries at Bangalore and Mysore for which grants amounting to Rs. 10,500 and Rs. 6,500 respectively were paid during the year. Additional grants from other sources like Municipality, etc., were also received by these Libraries. There were 39 Public Libraries and Reading Rooms in the State receiving grants from the Government. A sum of Rs. 12,313 was sanctioned as grant-in-aid to these Libraries. Libraries.

1130. The total expenditure on Public Instruction including University Departments, Examinations, etc., amounted to Rs. 5,39,36,695 (Rs. 5,13,26,170). Out of this, a sum of Rs. 20,44,019 was spent on Research Institutions, Rs. 53,39,415 on Colleges including professional and Oriental of University level and University Department, Rs. 59,82,789 on high schools including Military School in Civil Area, Rs. 51,15,542 on middle schools including senior basic, Rs. 1,75,07,454 on primary schools including Nursery, Rs. 4,39,311 on junior basic, Rs. 25,46,541 on special and professional schools and Rs. 1,19,271 on literacy classes of the Mysore State Adult Education Council. The total direct expenditure amounted to Rs. 3,90,94,342 as against Rs. 3,73,03,068 in the previous year. Finance.

1131. Further, a sum of Rs. 38,73,536 was spent on buildings, Rs. 22,54,963 on equipment including those of the Research Institutions, Rs. 24,35,131 on scholarships awarded both by the State and Central Governments, Rs. 49,22,768 on other Miscellaneous items and Rs. 13,55,955 on Direction and Inspection, giving a total of Rs. 1,48,42,353 as indirect expenditure. Classified by Managements of Institutions, a sum of Rs. 2,88,52,521 was spent by Government, Rs. 12,09,573 by District Boards, Rs. 16,66,447 by Municipalities, Rs. 67,13,091 on Aided Schools and Rs. 6,52,710 on unaided but recognised

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schools by Private Agencies. The percentage of direct expenditure to the total expenditure was 72·48 (74·14).

1132. The amount spent on different grades of Educational Institutions was as follows:—

Grades of Educational Institutions	Expenditure Rs.	Percentage to Total
1. (a) Research Institutes	20,44,019	3·79
(b) Collegiate Education—General ...	29,38,914	5·45
2. (a) Professional Colleges	12,92,247	2·40
(b) Oriental Do do ...	1,89,277	0·35
3. High Schools for Boys (including Military) ...	48,97,421	9·08
Do Girls	10,85,868	2·01
4. Senior Primary or Middle Schools, including Senior Basic for Boys.	41,63,403	7·72
Do Girls ...	9,52,139	1·77
5. Junior Primary Schools, including Nursery and Junior Basic Schools for Boys.	1,59,27,923	29·53
Do Girls ...	20,18,837	3·74
6. Training Institutions—Men	8,71,476	1·62
Do Women	1,01,955	0·19
7. Special and Technical Education, including Adult Literacy Classes, etc.—Men.	16,68,181	3·09
Do Women	24,200	0·04
8. University Departments	9,18,977	1·70
Total Direct ...	3,90,94,342	72·48
Indirect ...	1,48,42,553	27·52
Grand Total ...	5,39,36,695	100·00

1133. The average cost per head of population was Rs. 4-14-6 (Rs.4-6-8). Of this, a sum of Rs. 3-14-8 (Rs. 3-8-6) or 79·97 (80·00) per cent was met from Government funds.

(iii) University of Mysore.

1134. The strength of the University students had increased from 21,417 to 24,313.

1135. The increase in the number of women students had kept pace with the general progress, and the number of women students was 3,400 (2,951). The strength of the Depressed Classes students had increased from 633 to 801 as a result of the generous encouragement given by the State and the Centre to the Education of the Depressed Classes.

1136. Candidates for the Masters' Degree had also increased from 94 to 99 in Arts and from 75 to 83 in Science.